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In re application of

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
COMPRESSING PORTIONS OF A
MEDIA SIGNAL USING DIFFERENT
CODECS**

Group Art Unit: 2621

Examiner: Allen C. Wong

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a response to the restriction requirement mailed February 27, 2007.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims identified by the Examiner as Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1-25, 27, 31-55, 57, and 61-64).

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the claims of at least Group II are not patentably distinct from the claims of Group I. According to the Office Action, the claims of Group I are allegedly drawn to "streaming media video signals for encoding plural scenes, classified in class 375, subclass 240.14," whereas the claims of Group II are allegedly drawn to "streaming media video signals for encoding two scenes, classified in class 375, subclass 240.12."

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Group II are not drawn to streaming media video signals for encoding two scenes, as alleged. Rather, the claims of Group II recite selectively compressing “at least two scenes.” The word, “plurality,” is generally defined as “a number greater than one.” *Dictionary.com Unabridged* (v 1.1). Random House, Inc. 07 Mar. 2007. <Dictionary.com <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/plurality>>. Thus, “at least two scenes” is synonymous with “plurality.”

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully point out that, according to the Manual of Patent Classification, subclass 240.14 corresponds to “Bandwidth Reduction or Expansion – plural.” Subclass 240.12, on the other hand, corresponds to “Bandwidth Reduction or Expansion – predictive.” None of the claims of Group II discuss prediction or recite anything materially different from the claims of Group I.

Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that Group II should be considered with elected Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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